

Druggery Required of the President.
In the Century C. C. Bond has a paper on "Our Fellow Officers of the White House," in which he writes of the official duties of the president. In opening his article Mr. Bond says:

A president who should not carry in to the White House a selfish, egotistical, business habit of the most discrimination and a constitution of iron would be president only in name, even as regards his more important duties. His signature on the papers which he is told will not otherwise be legal might be as good as the endorsement of his bank account would require, but within the meaning of the law it would be as often as not a moral forgery. Yet no complaint should be offered on this account. Presidents are made for better or for worse. Such as they are in natural faculties and strength, so they must serve, some of them leaning on official advisers and bureaucratic clerks in every step they take and some of them putting the stamp of their own individuality on the papers and acts which make up an administration.

When a president elect, facing the chief justice, has repeated the constitutional oath, "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the United States and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the United States," he has indented himself for four years of the heaviest servitude that ever fell to the lot of any mortal. By comparison this "hired man" talked about in the last canvass would lead a pampered existence, and a constitutional monarch is a man of leisure. A president equal to his oath is both king and premier. He reigns and he rules. He is bowed down by the crown of authority and is encompassed by the mantle of care.

Lincoln and the Widow.

During all that dreadful period when the civil war was ravaging the country Lincoln held the reins of the government, and, although worn out with unceasing toil, he never neglected an opportunity to help those who suffered.

One day a poor woman, whose fears had worn furrows down her cheeks, gained an audience with Lincoln, and in a few words related the sad tale of her husband, who had fought in the Union army only to lose his life, and of her three boys, who were then fighting. She requested the discharge of her eldest boy, that she might have some one to support her. Lincoln's heart responded to the appeal, and he replied, "Certainly if you have given us all and your property has been taken away you are justly entitled to one of your boys."

The poor woman went away light of heart, only to return later, tearfully begging the release of her second son. The discharge of the first son had come too late. He was killed before he reached him. Sadly Lincoln sat down and wrote the requisite order for the release of the second son, and, rising, handed the paper to the afflicted woman, saying: "Now you have one and I have one of the two boys left. That is no more than right." Weeping with joy, the poor mother blessed Lincoln and hurried out to send her precious order.—Harper's Round Table.

A Travelling Library.

An insatiable reader on his travels, Napoleon complained, when at Warsaw, in 1807, and when at Bayonne, in 1808, that his library at Paris did not keep him well supplied with books. "The emperor," wrote the secretary to Barber, "wants a portable library of 1,000 volumes in 12mo., printed in good type without margin, and composed as nearly as possible of 40 volumes on religion, 40 of epics, 40 of plays, 60 of poetry, 100 of novels, 60 of history, the remainder, to make up 1,000 of historical memoirs. The religious works are to be the Old and New Testaments, the Koran, a selection of the works of the fathers of the church, works respecting the Aryans, Calvinists, of mythology, etc. The epics are to be Homer, Lucan, Tasso, Theocritus, 'The Henriad,' etc. Machiavelli, Fielding, Richardson, Montesquieu, Voltaire, Corneille, Racine and Rousseau were also among the authors mentioned.—Low Rosen.

A Disappointment.

"I never was so disgusted and angry in my life," said Mrs. de Garmo. "What's the trouble?" her husband inquired. "This afternoon that rich Mrs. Hilton, whom I have been dying to have call on me, came just as I was getting ready to take a bath."

"Too bad! Wouldn't she stay until you could get ready to see her?" "That's just it. I rushed around and almost broke my neck getting into my best clothes, only to find out when I got down stairs that she had called to see if I wouldn't like to buy a 50-cent ticket to an entertainment that the Good Samaritan society was getting up for poor sewing girls. I shall cut her dead the next time we meet."—Cleveland Leader.

Query of the Times.

The lover was enthusiastic. "She has poetry in her eyes," he exclaimed. "Yes?" returned the cynic tantalizingly. "She has roses in her cheeks," persisted the lover. "Yes?" returned the cynic again. "She has music in her voice," asserted the lover delightedly. "And what in the bank?" queried the cynic.—Chicago Post.

Albuquerque.

"The live and progressive town of Albuquerque," says a citizen of that town in the Washington Post, "is sadly hampered by its name. The percentage of people outside the territory who can spell it is small, and often it works a home man to get it just right. One of these days, when New Mexico becomes a state, we are going to give it a town a shorter and easier name, the name of which there will be no chance of misspelling."

Transferring Pictures.

Prints or lithographs may be transferred to glass by a very simple process. The glass is cleaned with alcohol and a polisher, then coated with fine dammar varnish, laid on very evenly. It is then put away in a place where there is no dust, where it is to remain until it is so sticky that when touched with the finger the glass, if a small plate, may be lifted by the adhesion. The picture to be transferred must be soaked in rainwater until it is completely saturated, then placed between sheets of blotting paper and gently pressed. This removes all superfluous water. Now put the pictures, face down, upon the sticky side of the glass. The utmost care is necessary in placing it, as once it touches it cannot be moved without danger of tearing out pieces of the print. When it is adjusted, begin at one corner and press the picture closely upon the adhesive surface, watching it continually to see that no air bubbles appear between the picture and the varnished surface. When this is finished, put the picture away again, let it remain until quite dry, then lay a wet towel over the back of the picture until the paper is thoroughly soaked.

Now begin at one corner, and, with the fingers, frequently dipped in water so that they will remain wet, rub off the white paper. Continue this until all the white portion is removed. This will leave only the color of the picture upon the glass. At the finish give the back a rather heavy coat of transparent varnish. Let it dry thoroughly and add a very thin second coat. When this is perfectly dry, frame the picture with a very thin glass over the varnished side. Hang in the window as a transparency. A few attempts may be necessary before expert handling is acquired, but perseverance will bring success, and with care and a little ingenuity very many beautiful pictures may be prepared at the most trifling expense.—New York Ledger.

Early English Bindings.

During the reign of Elizabeth the fashion in binding underwent a considerable change, the graceful simplicity of the early work, with its rather severe and restrained ornament, giving place to a heavy, overdecorated style, in which a superabundance of gilding hid poverty of design. This style reached its height in the bindings produced for James I., which were commonly dotted all over with flowers-de-luce or thistles, while the corners were filled with a heavy block of coarse design. During the reign of Charles the bindings were as a rule copied from French work and the designs carried out with very small tools; but, though foreign influence was strongly felt at first, the English binders soon struck out a line of their own, and Samuel Meares, the binder to Charles II., produced some admirable work and seems to have introduced the quaintly shaped panel, which gave the name of cottage binding to a certain class of work. At a little later date an Edinburgh binder whose name is unknown, but whose work is easily distinguishable, executed some marvelous pieces of work on very dark green morocco.—Atheneum.

A Parliament Custom.

Before the speech from the throne is read, when the houses are resumed in the afternoon, by the lord chancellor in the house of lords and the speaker in the house of commons, it is the practice in both houses to read one bill at first time pro forma in order to assert their right of deliberation without reference to the immediate cause of summons. This practice is enjoined in the house of lords by a standing order. In the house of commons the same form is observed pursuant to ancient custom and of the following resolution, passed March 23, 1903: "That the first day of every sitting in every parliament some one bill, and no more, receive a first reading for form sake." In the house of commons the clerk of parliament produces an ancient document which has served this purpose for at least a century, entitled "A bill for effectually preventing clandestine outlawries," which is only read a first time and ordered to be read a second time and will never be heard of again till the opening of the next session.—London News.

Marvelous Mechanism of the Human Body.

The human body is an epitome in nature of all mechanics, all hydraulics, all architecture, all machinery of every kind. There are more than 240 mechanical movements known to mechanics to-day, and all of these are but modifications of those found in the human body. Here are found all the bars, levers, joints, pulleys, pumps, pipes, wheels and axles, ball and socket movements, beams, girders, trusses, buffers, arches, columns, cables and supports known to science. At every point man's best mechanical work can be shown to be but adaptations of processes of the human body, a revelation of first principles used in nature.—William George Jordan in Ladies' Home Journal.

The Pandects of Justinian.

The pandects of Justinian, the most complete body of Roman laws ever collected, were supposed to be lost, but in 1127, when Amalfi was taken and plundered by the Pisans, a private soldier found a copy which he sold to an officer for a few pence. The value of the discovery was soon apparent and the precious volume was taken to Pisa and stored in the city library. When Pisa was stormed by the Florentines, in 1455, the precious volume was captured and taken to Florence, where it was placed in the library of the Medici.

Skilled Nursing.

Skilled nursing is now regarded as of quite as much significance as expert medical attendance. Those whose names will permit of it generally employ trained nurses, and between the professional assistance of the physician in the home and hospital treatment for various ailments the old conditions of the sickroom have almost passed away.—Baltimore Record.

The Congregation.

One fine Sunday morning a tourist arrived at a Kirk in Argylshire, intending to enter for the English service as soon as the Gaelic was over. "Is the Gaelic service over?" he inquired of the beadle.

"No, but it will not be very long." So the tourist strolled on into the churchyard, where the tombstones lay deep in the long grass. By and by he was recalled by the shouts of the beadle, who stood at the door waving to him.

"But is the Gaelic service over?" he asked, once more.

"Oh, aye, it will be over."

"But I have not seen the congregation. Which way did it go?"

The beadle directed his attention to a solitary figure slowly wending his way up the hill, and said, "That's him."—London Times.

The popular belief that the sap of trees goes down into the roots in winter and rises again in the spring is false.

A HOUSEHOLD NECESSITY.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste acting gently and positively on the kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. today; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

BLOOD POISON
HAVE YOU sore throat, swollen glands, skin eruptions, etc.?
Remedy Co., 397 Madison Temple, Chicago, Ill., for price of cure. Cash, \$2.50. Send 10¢ for circular. No 25 days. 100-page book free.

J. S. & M. H. CROSS
WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
Dry Goods, Boots & Shoes
Winchester arms and
Ammunition.
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, & MATAMOROS, MEXICO

BLOOMBERG & RAPHAEL
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
Dry Goods, Staple Goods, Boots, Shoes, and Groceries.
All Kinds Hats, Caps, Shirts and Drawers, Notions and Family Groceries.
All European goods kept in our Matamoros House.
Mail Orders Promptly Attended To.
Brownsville - - - - - Texas

Fire and Marine
Insurance.
POLICIES WRITTEN BY
WM. KELLY, Agent.
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS.

H. M. Field
DEALER IN
LUMBER BLINDS AND DOORS

Lime, Cement and Brick. Carriage, Wagon and Building Materials Hardware, Paints, Oils, Turpentine and Varnishes for Carriages and Buildings.
Agent for John Finnegan & Co., Will pay the highest cash price for hides, skins and all country produce.
Corner Monroe & 11th. Sts.

CELESTINE JAGOU,
Commission Merchant,
IMPORTER OF

Wines, - Liquors - and - Cigars,
—AND—

Table Luxuries of All Kinds.
—DEALER IN THE BEST BRANDS OF—
Sporting Goods, Shot Guns, Pistols, Rifles and Ammunition.

A COMPLETE STOCK OF THE FINEST IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC
Wines, Cognac, Gin, Ale, Cigars, Pure Olive Oil, Mineral Water
and delicacies of every description always on hand.
Prompt attention given to all Orders, by Mail or otherwise.
—FAMILY TRADE SOLICITED—
ELIZABETH STREET - - - BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

DANIEL MYERS,

OF PENNSYLVANIA
A Living Object Lesson for Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure.



HART DISEASE is curable. "For over forty years," writes Daniel Myers of Two Taverns, Pa., on Aug. 10, 1896, "I suffered with heart disease. First a slight palpitation, gradually growing worse. Then shortness of breath, sleeplessness, smothering sensations and much pain in the region of the heart alarmed me and I consulted a physician. Receiving no benefit I tried others and a number of remedies, spending a large amount of money, but finally became so bad that it was unsafe for me to leave home. I commenced using Dr. Miles' Heart Cure two years ago. For eighteen months I have been well. Although 72 years of age I can go where I wish and I sleep all night and wake up as cheerful as a babe and completely rested." Dr. Miles' Remedies are sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee, first bottle benefits or money refunded. Book on Heart and Nerves sent free to all applicants.
DR. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

Headquarters Silverware

And Fancy Goods of all Descriptions, suitable for
Wedding and Birthday Presents!
Music, Books, Stationery, toys, Pens, Inks, Jewelry, Silverware, Fancy Goods of every description
Just received by
MRS. GEO. KRAUSSE,
Brownsville, Texas.
Agent for Ott's Tombstones.

MORGAN S. S. LINE.
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY,
ATLANTIC SYSTEM.
Steamers make trips between
Morgan City or New Orleans
and Brazos Santiago,
via Galveston about
every 10 days.
For further information call on or
address
M. B. KINGSBURY, AGENT.

"Complete Manhood"
AND
How to Attain It.
A Wonderful New Medical Book, written for Men Only. One copy may be had free on application.
ERIE MEDICAL CO.
BUFFALO, N. Y.

CHAS. CHAMPION.
(Successor to Christian Hess.)
—DEALER IN—
GENERAL MERCHANDISE
Highest Price Paid For Country Produce.
Point : Isabel, : : : Texas

For sale.
Parker Row, one of the best properties in Brownsville, centrally located on the corner of Washington and 12th streets, for \$5,000 U. S. currency.
Also 600 acres of land, at \$10 U. S. currency. JOHN W. HOYT

R-I-P-A-N-S
The modern standard Family Medicine: Cures the common every-day ills of humanity.
ONE GIVES RELIEF.

CONCORDIA.
Boarding and Lodging House
Thirteenth Street.
PASCUAL A. BRISENO, Prop
(Late of Miller's Hotel.)
Meals at all hours Coffee and Chocolate, Fish, served at all hours of day and night.
Brownsville Texas

PATENTS
Caveats, and Trade-Marks obtained and all Patent business conducted for MODERATE FEES.
Our Office is Opposite U. S. Patent Office and we can secure patent in less time than those remote from Washington.
Send model, drawing or photo, with description. We advise if patentable or not, free of charge. Our fee not due till patent is secured.
A PAMPHLET, "How to Obtain Patents," with full and complete information, sent free of charge to those who send no fee.
C. A. SNOW & CO.
Opp. Patent Office, WASHINGTON, D. C.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

E. H. GOODRICH,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
DEALER IN REAL ESTATE
Complete Abstracts of Cameron County Kept In The Office.
BROWNSVILLE, TEX.

C. H. MARIS,
LAWYER AND LAND AGENT
MONEY TO LOAN ON
GOOD SECURITY.
Office in Dalzell Building on Levee Street.
Brownsville: : : : : Texas.

J. NO. I. KLEIBER,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
Brownsville, Texas
Will practice in any of the courts of the State when specially employed.

JAMES B. WELLS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
Office Second Floor Rio Grande Railroad Building
Brownsville : : : : : Texas.

R. B. RENTFRO.
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Will practice in all Federal and State Courts.
Brownsville, Texas

JOHN P. KELSEY,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
Will practice in the Federal and State Courts.
Rio Grande City, - - - Texas.

JAS. H. EDWARDS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
Land Titles Investigated and Abstracts Furnished.
Hidalgo: : : : : Texas

HOT AND COLD BATHS
L. A. ROUSSET'S THE BARBER.
Also a full line of tobaccos, cigars, pipes and smokers material.
ELIZABETH STREET

PATENTS
TRADE MARKS, DESIGNS, COPYRIGHTS &c.
Anyone sending a sketch and description may quickly ascertain, free, whether an invention is probably patentable. Communications strictly confidential. Oldest agency for securing patents in America. We have a Washington office. Patents taken through Munns & Co. receive special attention in U. S. Patent Office.
SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN
Beautifully illustrated, largest circulation of any scientific journal, weekly, \$3.00 a year; \$1.50 six months. Specimen copies and 112-page BOOK ON PATENTS sent free.
MUNN & CO.
361 Broadway, New York.

C. H. Thorn DENTIST
Office Hours From 9 to 11 a. m.
from 3 to 6 p. m.
Office, Opposite Miller's Hotel
Brownsville, Tex.

H. G. Krausse
Is now Prepared to do all kinds of
Watch and Clock work,
Repairing Jewelry and Silverware of all kinds a Specialty.
ELIZABETH - - - STREET

R. H. WALLIS, PHOTOGRAPHER.
Introducing new and select styles of work at his parlors. Also new styles of fancy card mounts.
Copying and enlargements in crayon done. Inspection of work invited.
Photo parlors next to U. S. reservation.
WASHINGTON : : : : : STREETS

FOR RENT
The Miller's Hotel building having been completely repaired is offered for rent for hotel purposes. Reasonable rates. Apply to Francisco Yturria.